

# LEA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

*Hobbs, New Mexico*



**Client:** New Mexico Corrections Department.

**Location:** Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico.

**Contract Duration:** 5 Years—05/98 to 06/30/03 with up to (5) one year extensions. Current extension to 06/30/07. 12/12/08 County.

## **Background**

During February 1996, the New Mexico Corrections Department issued a request for proposals for the design, finance, construction and private operation of a 1,200-bed multi-security classification prison on land provided by the Lea County Industrial Development Authority in Hobbs, New Mexico. The contract award occurred in April 1996. The site is located on land that was originally a World War II B-17 Training Base. The land was subsequently deeded to the local community by the U.S. Government for future development. Only the concrete runways remain as evidence of the property's former use. The prison was the first economic development effort on this former Air Base.

## **Scope of Work**

The facility's housing areas consists of a double-celled, medium security unit; and a single-celled, administrative segregation unit. The entire facility was designed to comply with American Correctional Association standards. The medium security unit's double-cells are 120 square feet each, specifically designed to meet ACA standards.

The contract award was for the design, construction, finance, and operation of the facility with operations to begin in the Second Quarter

1998. The facility received its first inmates on May 15, 1998. The Operations Contract is for five years with subsequent renewal options. At the end of 20 years, the State of New Mexico has reserved the right to purchase the facility. The GEO Group is responsible for providing: facility administration, fiscal management, personnel and training, programs and recreation, sanitation and hygiene, volunteer and religious programs, security, safety and control, classification, education, inmate work programs, counseling and mental health services, food services, commissary, discipline and grievances, libraries and 60,000 square feet of industries area. The facility currently operates a state industry program.

## **Facility Description**

The 359,129 square foot facility is located on an 80-acre site, is inside a double fenced security perimeter that utilizes microwave intrusion detection. The facility complex consists of an Administration/Visitation Building, an Education/Library Building, an Intake-Release and Medical Complex, an Industries building, four double-celled medium security housing buildings, one double-celled, maximum security housing building, and two gymnasiums.

## **Accreditations**

The facility received accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA) in August 2000 with an **outstanding score of 100% and was re-accredited in May 2003, again with a score of 100%**. In June 2006, the facility received another excellent score of 99.8%.

